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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR SPELTZ'S MEETING WITH VFM YANG JIECHI

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Classified By: Political Minister Counselor Daniel Shields. Reasons 1.
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11. (C) Vice Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi stressed to Ambassador Paul Speltz, U.S. Executive Director at the Asian Development Bank and former Treasury Special Envoy to China, the importance the Chinese Government attaches to upcoming visits to the United States by Zhou Yongkang, State Councillor and Minister of Public Security, and by General Guo Boxing, Vice Chairman of the Central Military Commission. In a June 23 meeting, VFM Yang also praised the contributions that Secretary Snow had made to U.S.-China relations. He highlighted the success of President Hu's visit to the United States, saying the visit had helped promote broader and deeper understanding between the United States and China. Ambassador Speltz noted that all meetings between the leaders of the United States and China are of great importance and it is essential to maintain an ongoing dialogue.

12. (U) Ambassador Speltz did not have the opportunity to clear this message.

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